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PART bus system to begin taking passengers Monday

Beginning Monday, January 5, citizens can take "PART" in our community.

The Piedmont Area Regional Transit system, or PART, will begin carrying passengers January 5, 2009. The service will operate Monday through Friday between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. A fare of \$1 per trip will be charged with exact change required. This fare must be paid before boarding the bus. Children under the age of six (6) years old ride at no charge.

PART will follow a fixed-route system through parts of the City of Martinsville and Henry County. Routes will be served by a 14-passenger handicapped accessible bus and will consist of two loops with a connecting point at Wal-Mart. Designated stops will be located at high traffic retail areas, industrial parks, college campuses, medical facilities, and government offices.

The system will be managed by RADAR of Roanoke, a non-profit organization that has organized and maintained both public and private human service transportation for more than 25 years.

Among the locations set to have bus stops are the Virginia Employment Commission, Social Services, Social Security Office, Health Department, and City and County Government buildings, as well as major retail locations.

After a public information meeting December 8, the route was adjusted to include stops at the Grace Network/Adult Day Care Center on Commonwealth Boulevard and the Patrick Henry Mall on Church Street in Martinsville. A map of the route and a listing of stops and times may be downloaded from www.henrycountyva.gov. Individuals who are ADA certified may request the bus to deviate off the route to make pick-ups and drops-offs. The distance of deviation may not exceed $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile and the requested pick-up or drop-off time must meet the bus' regular schedule.

The Commonwealth Transportation Board recently approved \$114,000 to go toward the funding for the pilot program in the Martinsville-Henry County area. The pilot project will provide a one-year look at a public transit system for the Martinsville-Henry County area. If the project is successful in its first year, the localities can apply for federal and state funding in subsequent years.

For more information, please contact Leon Towarnicki, the City of Martinsville's Director of Public Works at (276) 403-5154; Lee Clark, Henry County's Director of Planning, Zoning & Inspection at (276) 634-4620; or Curtis Andrews, RADAR at (800) 964-5707 Ext. 102.

Area business leader selected as 2008 Jack Dalton Award winner

The Jack Dalton Community Service Award is officially a family affair.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors presented the 2008 award to Nancy Bradshaw during the Board's monthly meeting Tuesday. In receiving the honor, Bradshaw joins her son, Charles, as a winner of the prestigious community service recognition.

Nancy Bradshaw owns Triangle Electric Company, a community-based business that has played a major role in providing lights for ball parks at the Horsepasture Ruritan Club and the Spencer-Penn

Ruritan Club. Nancy was the first woman in two states - Virginia and North Carolina - to receive the Unlimited Electrical Contractor's license.

In addition to her business, Nancy supports the community through her work with the Horsepasture Ruritan Club, the Horsepasture Christian Church, the Martinsville-Henry County Master Gardeners, the SCORE group sponsored by the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce, and the state board of the American Heart Association.

"Nancy Bradshaw is a perfect fit for the ideals and community emphasis that Jack Dalton embodied," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Jim Adams. "This community is very lucky to have people of the caliber of Nancy Bradshaw."

The Jack Dalton Community Service Award annually goes to the Henry County resident who best demonstrates the exemplary community service that marked Dalton's years of public service. Dalton served as a member of the Henry County Board of Supervisors for more than 24 years, and was serving as the Board Chairman at the time of his death on May 24, 2000.

Nominations were solicited from community residents through local media and the Henry County website, www.henrycountyva.gov. Nominations are based on the candidate's personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping promote the quality of life in Henry County.

In addition to Charles Bradshaw, previous recipients of the honor include Dr. Calvin Rains, Bill Adkins, Clay Campbell, Mary McGee, and the Rev. Thurman Echols.

PSA plans water line rehabilitation projects

The Henry County Public Service Authority and a contractor will soon begin water line rehabilitation projects in the Ridgeway and Collinsville areas of Henry County.

The PSA has contracted with Ramey, Inc. to replace water lines along Church Street in Ridgeway and along Wheeler Avenue and John Redd Boulevard in Collinsville. This work may cause some temporary service interruptions for customers.

The Ridgeway project will begin 500 feet from the intersection of Morehead Avenue and Church Street and will continue close to the intersection of Church Street and Greensboro Road. The John Redd Boulevard project will run from its intersection with Virginia Avenue to the intersection of John Redd Boulevard and Williams Street. The Wheeler Avenue project will run from its intersection with Truth Lane to its intersection with Daniels Creek Road.

The Church Street project will be the first to begin. It is part of the ongoing Chestnut Knob project. The Wheeler Avenue and John Redd Boulevard projects are part of the PSA's Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2008-09, and will begin after the Church Street project is complete.

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